take import of sugar under OGL.

(iv) Import of raw sugar has been placed under OGL, duty free.

(v) With a view to ensure that indigenous sugar is not held back by the mills, it has been decided to impose restrictions on the sale/ despatch of free sale sugar released to the mills on weekly basis, instead of the earlier restrictions on forth-nightly basis.

(vi) Gur (Control) Order 1994, has been issued imposing stock holding limits and turnover period on gur dealers in respect of gur stocks held by them. This has been done with a view to discourage speculative hoarding of gur. It is also expected to have a sympathetic sobering effect on sugar prices.

(vii) Sugar industry has been persuaded to agree to the conversion of 2.5 lakh tonnes of freesale sugar into levy as loan on replenishment basis for distribution to consumers through the Public Distribution system.

Dues of Farmers for Payment

562. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise amount due to be paid to the farmers for the supply of sugarcane in 1992, 1993 and upto June 1994; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to pay the arrears to the farmers together with the details of action taken against the defaulters during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Lists showing the State-wise position of cane price arrears, compiled on the basis of information furnished by sugar mills, relating to the seasons 1991-92 and 1992-93 as on 15-11-1992 and 15-11-1393 respectively and the position of cane price arrears as on 15-5-1994 during the current 1993-94 season are enclosed as Statement-I, II and III.

(b) As per the Sugarcane (Control) Order issued by the Central Government under the Essential Commodities Act, it is obligatory on the part of all sugar mills to pay the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane to growers. In the case of State-advised prices of sugarcane, which are substantially higher than the SMP, the responsibility for ensuring timely payments of cane price dues lies with State Governments which have the necessary powers and field organisations to enforce such payments. Accordingly, action against defaulters has to be taken by the respective State Governments.

In order to prevent the accumulation of cane price arrears, State Governments have been advised to follow a more reasonable pricing policy for cane in conformity with the Bhargava Formula. A Committee of 5 Ministers of State Governments has been constituted to make recommendations regarding the pricing policy which should be followed for State Advised Prices of sugarcane.

On the basis of the updated statistical compilations for the sugar season 1992-93, the arrears of sugarcane price on an All-India basis, which were 16.9% of the total cane dues as on 31-3-1993 during the season 1992-93, got reduced substantially to 3.4% as on 31-7-1993 and further to 1.5% as on 15-11-1993. During the current season 1993-94, as on 15-5-1994, the arrears were Rs. 166.34 crores, representing 3.6% of the total dues.

Statement-I

Statwise position of cane prices payable, price paid and balance outstanding for cane purchased during 1991-92 season upto 15-11-1992

(Figures in lakh Rs.)

State	Total price payable for cane purchased during 1991-1992 upto 15-11-1992	Cane price paid upto 15-11-1992	Balance cane price payable as on 15-11-1992
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Punjab	198585.98	19623.63	235.35
Haryana . . .	22561.78	22445.97	115.81
Rajasthan . . .	1296.27	1165.12	131.15
West Uttar Pradesh. .	52467.23	48322.99	4144.24
Central Uttar Pradesh .	63639.85	58007.73	5632.12
East Uttar Pradesh . .	39526.90	33385.03	6141.87
TOTAL UTTAR PRADESH:	155633.98	139715.75	15918.23
Madhya Pradesh . .	5542.08	5334.43	207.65
South Gujarat . .	33118.10	32971.65	146.45
Saurashtra . . .	2751.75	2638.28	113.47
TOTAL GUJARAT: .	35869.85	35609.93	259.92
South Maharashtra . .	109968.83	109620.73	348.10
North Maharashtra . .	32672.02	32468.58	203.44
TOTAL MAHARASHTRA	142640.85	142089.31	551.54
North Bihar . . .	22298.40	18994.11	3304.29
South Bihar . .	107.15	25.52	81.63
TOTAL BIHAR: . .	22405.55	19019.63	3385.92
Assam	374.20	373.53	0.67
Andhra Pradesh . .	27653.78	27627.69	26.09
Karnataka . . .	39915.53	39584.58	330.95
Tamil Nadu . . .	41921.77	41916.45	5.32
Kerala	201.41	199.73	1.68
Orissa	1300.43	1300.17	0.26
West Bengal . . .	369.47	369.23	0.24
Nagaland . . .	124.40	62.26	62.14
Pondicherry . . .	2108.78	2108.78	0.00
Goa	676.24	676.24	0.00
ALL INDIA:	520455.35	499222.43	21232.92

(4.1%)

Statement-II

Statewise position of cane prices payble, price paid and Balance outstanding for cane purchased during 1992-93 season upto 15-11-1993

(Figures in Lakh Rs.)

State	Total price payable for cane purchased during 1992-93 upto 15-11-93	Cane price paid upto 15-11-93	Balance Cane price payable as on 15-11-93
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Punjab	20985.93	20898.96	86.97
Haryana . . .	16290.74	16281.39	9.35
Rajasthan . . .	988.57	987.70	0.87
West Uttar Pradesh. .	38942.17	38637.38	304.79
Central Uttar Pradesh .	55480.48	54756.11	724.37
East Uttar Pradesh . .	34283.78	32907.44	1376.34
TOTAL UTTAR PRADESH:	128706.43	120300.93	2405.50
Madhya Pradesh . .	2572.41	2394.29	178.12
South Gujarat . .	36886.19	36623.02	263.17
Saurashtra . . .	1411.89	1384.53	27.36
TOTAL GUJARAT:	38293.08	38007.55	290.53
South Maharashtra . .	111460.70	111225.94	234.76
North Maharashtra .	21804.85	21357.77	447.08
TOTAL MAHARASHTRA	133265.55	132583.71	681.84
North Bihar . . .	15834.07	13748.33	2085.74
South Bihar . .	8.37	0.02	8.35
TOTAL BIHAR: . .	15842.44	13748.35	2094.09
Assam	409.28	409.28	0.00
Andhra Pradesh . .	23949.85	23871.21	78.64
Karnataka . . .	37626.15	36953.92	672.23
Tamil Nadu . . .	41498.89	41161.95	336.94
Kerala	226.06	189.06	37.00
Orissa	1528.07	1518.03	10.04
West Bengal . . .	240.31	240.23	0.08
Nagaland . . .	141.23	125.15	16.08
Pondicherry . . .	2013.52	2012.51	0.01
Goa	638.55	638.55	0.00
ALL INDIA:	465221.06	458322.77	6698.29

(1.5%)

Statement-III

Statewise postion of cane prices payable, price paid and balance outstanding for cane purchased during 1993-94 season upto 15-5-1994

(In lakh Rs.)

State	Total pricepayable for cane purchased during 1993-9 upto 15-5-1994	Cane pricepaid upto 15-5-1994	Balancecane price payable as on 15-5-1994
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Punjab	20713.08	20507.54	205.54
Haryana . . .	17248.23	16988.73	259.50
Rajasthan . . .	855.38	852.70	2.68
West Uttar Pradesh. .	54778.58	53203.50	1575.08
Central Uttar Pradesh .	59972.24	57633.59	2338.65
East Uttar Pradesh .	35286.32	31724.25	3562.07
TOTAL UTTAR PRADESH	150037.14	142561 34	7475 80
Madhya Pradesh . .	1646.84	1445.80	201.04
South Gujarat . . .	22133.03	21185.91	947.12
Saurashtra . . .	2587.89	2543.06	44.83
TOTAL GUJARAT:	24720.92	23728.97	991.95
South Maharashtra . .	51041.04	50433.63	607.41
North Maharashtra . .	17323.20	16759.78	563.42
Central Maharashtra .	41317.72	40332.44	485.23
TOTAL MAHARASHTRA	109531.95	107025.35	1655.11
North Bihar . . .	14377.85	12876.58	1501.27
South Bihar . . .	0.43	0.00	0.43
TOTAL BIHAR: . .	14378.28	12876.58	1501.70
Assam	102.36	99.74	2.62
Andhra Pradesh . .	28681.75	26652.05	2029.70
Karnataka . . .	36493.15	35000.04	493.11
Tamil Nadu . . .	48196.25	46433.24	1703.01
Kerala	46.28	46.28	0.00
Orissa	1236.29	1236.29	0.00
West Bengal . . .	323.45	321.85	1.60
Nagaland . . .	82.13	57.71	24.42
Pondicherry . . .	2137.89	2121.72	16.17
Goa	452.74	388.26	64.48
ALL INDIA:	457034.12	440399.69	16634.43
(3.6%)			